



SBARA GROUNDPLANE

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September 2016 – SBARA Groundplane - President's Corner

Welcome to November! Halloween is behind us and hopefully, the leftover candy is too! :-)

It used to be Thanksgiving was the start of hanging Christmas lights, but I'm already seeing them go up and Dale Hardware already has decorations for sale. <sigh> Here we go again!

I was juggling participating in the CQ WW DX contest and getting some things on my weekend to-do list done. At around 11:30am Sunday, Oct. 30th, South America was starting to come in on 10 meters. It took several rounds of repeating my callsign, but I managed to make contact with LU8EOT in Argentina. It's so much fun to make contact in less than ideal conditions. But I tell you...it makes all the difference in the world when the other station is willing to work just a little harder to make the contact successful. It really is, as they say, "a two-way street." I try to be the same way at Field Day. Late at night, I love chasing the weak stations on 40 meters! It makes things just a little more interesting than making the 59+ contacts...until you start to get tired and the eyelids get heavy. :-)

I started spinning the dial and came across a very strong station. It turned out to be Easter Island! I made contact with CE0Y/NO9E...a new DX entity for me! He wasn't saying his callsign very frequently, so you can imagine my surprise when I asked him for his call and I got the following mouthful: "Charlie Echo Zero Yankee Portable November Oscar Nine Echo." Whoa! What was that? Even when he repeated it for others, I had a hard time copying it due to his accent. Fortunately, a quick Google search helped me fill-in the missing letter...the "E" on the end. :-) I immediately went onto the sbarahams Yahoo group to let others know that Easter Island was coming in on 10 meters, but Chuck Hoffman, KK6CX, beat me to the punch! Then 10 meters became quickly quiet again. Talk about timing! I have to say that the randomness of propagation is part of the mystery and fun of ham radio! I have to say, though, that I find it interesting that the DX stations insist on using their own phonetics. it's typical for me to transmit, "Kilo Golf Six Hotel Juliette Uniform," only to receive back, "Kilowatt Germany Six Honolulu Japan United." Whatever. The final list of DX entities contacted is: Alaska, Argentina, Australia, Barbados, Bonaire, Brazil, Canada, Cayman Islands, Chile, Columbia, Cuba, Easter Island, Hawaii, Japan, Mexico, St. Kitts & Nevis, Uruguay, and Venezuela. Cool!

This message to you is a bit bitter sweet. As I have been stating for the last few months, I am stepping down as president of SBARA at the end of the year.

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I have stated many times, and I'm being very honest when I say it, it has been a lot more fun than I expected. We have a great group of people on the SBARA board and I REALLY appreciate their support over the last few years. I also want to thank you, the SBARA membership, for your support as well. Thanks for indulging me and enduring my bad puns and other jokes while leading the club meetings. I intend to stay involved with the club, but my new job is going to require some U.S. travel, so I need to focus more on the activities that pay the bills! My first solo teach (of a five-day software administration course) is coming up quickly the week of November 14th in Mt. Laurel, NJ.

This is an opportunity for someone else to step up and lead the club. It really isn't hard and doesn't really take too much time. You lead the club membership and board meetings and write an article for the Groundplane newsletter once a month as well as help drive and support the club's yearly activities. There is certainly room for more people to get involved with the board as well. I urge you to take a moment and ask yourself, "Is now a good time for me to contribute a little of my time to help SBARA to continue on and thrive." If not you, then maybe you have someone in mind who you can nominate? I know that sometimes it's hard to make that commitment. It seems like one more thing is just too much to handle. But I encourage you to push yourself just a little bit outside of your comfort zone. I guarantee that you will learn and grow from the experience...which is always a good thing!

We are all involved in an awesome hobby, with an awesome club, with awesome people! Thank you again for all of your support over the years!

73!

Steve Wilson, KG6HJU

SBARA Club Officer 2017 Elections

Have You Thought About Being A Club Board Member or Officer?

SBARA really could use you!

Attention SBARA Members:

Do you realize the year is almost over? Do you know that now is your opportunity to help the club next year? The term of the current club officers is almost over, and now is the time to nominate people to continue the leadership next year. Do you know what it takes to be part of the leadership team next year? It takes eagerness to help, that's all. If you would like to be a part of the leadership team next year, please contact one of your Board Members and let us know how you would like to help!

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Please Attend the November Meeting and Vote!!!

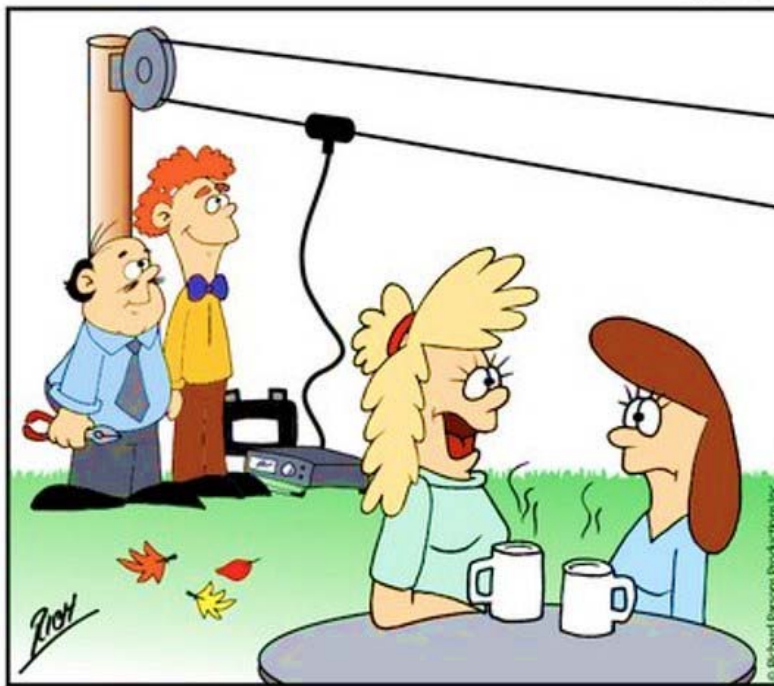


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Stan & Cliff have been working all day
on installing my clothesline, Mary.

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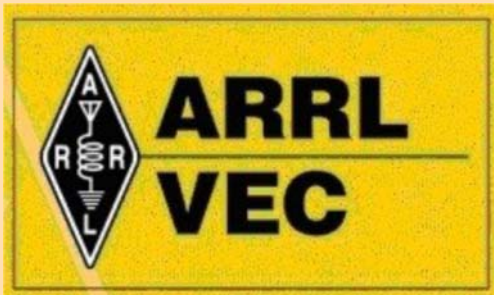
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SBARA Membership meeting Friday,
November 11th, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

Hurricane Electric, 760 Mission Court (off
of Warm Springs Blvd), Fremont

Join us at 6:00 p.m. for the pre-meeting
dinner at; Ho Chow Restaurant, 47966

SBARA Ham Radio License Exam date
is November 12th Saturday at 9am—
Noon.

Testing Location:

Hurricane Electric
48233 Warm Springs Boulevard
Fremont, CA.

Nets and other Club Information

The Slow CW Net

Every Thursday (on 144.230 MHz) and Sunday (on 7.057 MHz
=/- 3 KHz) night at 7:30 pm.

You need an "all-mode" transceiver in order to participate in
this net.. The net now has its own email address. Please contact
us here: : "SF Bay CW Enthusiasts" <sf-bay-cw-enthusiasts at
googlegroups.com>

--... ..-- Bernhard AE6YN

Monday SBARA Net

The SBARA net takes place every Monday night at 7:30 pm on the
WA6PWW repeater, 147.015 MHz, positive offset, PL (if enabled)
103.5 Hz.

Topics are club related things, projects you're working on and so
on. It's a chat net. We need net control operators. If you'd like to
be net control, let us know during the next net.

--... ..-- Bernhard AE6YN

SBARA.ORG has a new look and some updated content. Navigation follows the known style - information
about the club can be accessed via the (black) menu bar at the top and the navigation bar on the left links to
various topics of interest to the club. The Contact Us page provides easy access any of the board members
and activity chairs, when you have a question or would like something to be included, changed and if a link is
not working. The new layout is mobile friendly, making it easier to browse the website on tablet sized and
smart phone sized mobile devices. I hope you enjoy the new website.